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WHO'S HOW AND WHY AT THE VENERABLE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

Something of the Great and Super-Great in these Parts. Number IV Little Diddle Dold

William Elliott Dold, Jr., was born on one of the minor islands of the world which egotistically calls itself Long. He is neither little nor diddle, but is so called because Big Diddle was his brother. Judging from his past, which presents a vacuum so far as history is concerned, he has a great future. In a personal way his life has been both heroic and tessellated. This is an expurgated edition. Being a member of THE FLAT HAT staff, a certain decorum must be exercised, for the sake of the HAT, if not for Diddle.

BORN IN NINETEEN HUNDRED

This young gentleman, who is a would-be doctor, and a couldn't-help-it artist, was born in, or just after 1900,—the era of the slush-magush novel and other yellow dramatics. He went through an athletic prep. school, and came out (to use the vernacular) with more medals on him than a dog has fleas. He gave these to the maddening girls who pursued him, and sought retirement in the Colonial Capital. But the story here was ever the same—Love! Victory! Fame!

Only three regrets cloud his otherwise cloudless life—he is not tall, his hair is not black, and he was not born in Brooklyn. Also he is haunted by some divine despair which chewing gum and tobacco, known as The Lady and the Tiger, fail to drive away. One restless ambition animates him, and this it is hoped, will prove his salvation—he wants to join the Immortelles by painting a composite picture of the only hundred women he ever loved.

BIG MAN—BIG AMBITION

Some think that this is a pretty large ambition. But "great men lived after Agamemnon", as Noah once said at the Johnstown Flood, and Diddle has an artist's heart and temperament even if he does wear his hair short. "I am right" said he, upon one occasion, and the world agreed with him. Since then he has sought unceasing solitude, thinking not so much of what might have been, as what is about to be—even as you and I.

A dog-ger-elle was nailed to the bulletin board by the "Allen Gang" last night.

WILLIAM AND MARY TO ENTER MEET ON LAMBETH FIELD ON APRIL 11TH

Preliminary Try Out will be held the Sixth of April on Cary Field. Work on new track begun

Coach Young is striving to whip track athletics into shape at William and Mary with a view to having a representation in the Annual Southern Intercollegiate Meet which will be held on Lambeth Field, University of Virginia, on the eleventh of April. About a dozen men have been working hard for some time, and among the most promising are Alfriend, Meredith, Carey Jackson, Mitchell, Jack Wright and Dold. McAllister is working on long distance, and may be able to clip off a mile in good time after a few weeks' more training.

MEET ON CARY FIELD

Dr. Young proposes to hold a field meet on Cary Field April 6, at 1 p. m., and from the men making the best records on that day will be selected the representatives to the intercollegiate meet.

Measurements have been taken and a circular track will be laid off, which will greatly facilitate this form of Athletics. Interest in field sports is beginning to increase at William and Mary, and if this work is pushed it will do a great deal to bring the old College into the public eye.

WATTS HAS LEG BROKEN

Along with other misfortunes to the baseball team is the injury sustained by catcher C. C. Watts at Wednesday evening's practice. Watts in defending the plate was upset by Beale coming home, and the little bone in his left leg was broken just below the knee. Suffering greatly he was taken to his home and is now recovering nicely, although it is certain that he will be out of the game for the rest of the season.

Watts is a freshman and was one of the most likely aspirants for the station behind the bat.

William and Mary has been fortunate in a lack of injuries received by athletes, only once before in recent years has a member of an athletic team been seriously injured. The other case was that of "Doc" Marrow, now coach of the Academy teams, who had his leg broken in the V. M. I. game season before last.

PRACTICE GAME LOST TO RANDOLPH-MACON ON CARY FIELD SATURDAY

Teams Fought Battle in Mud and Rain, but the Game was Slow, and Well Attended

The Orange and Black once more suffered defeat at the hands of the Yellow Jackets in Saturday's baseball game. On a muddy field, in a continued drizzle of rain, both teams put up a slouchy game of ball, but the conditions were such that it could not have been otherwise.

The Ashlanders won entirely through their superior hitting, the locals being unable to find the sphere, Games, Peachy and Garth getting a single apiece. Greene and Marsden were on the mound for Randolph-Macon, while Lewis Jones twirled for William and Mary. Although the box score shows a total of twelve hits against him, at least four were of the scratchiest variety, the men being unable on account of the wind to reach balls which would have ordinarily been easy outs.

HEAVY SCORING IN FOURTH & FIFTH

The Yellow Jackets did their scoring in the second, fourth and fifth, a muffed ball, a wild pitch and a double scoring Ives with the first run. A base on balls, two errors and five hits in rapid succession brought in four more in the fourth, while a stolen base and two hits scored Lipscomb in the fifth. Garth and Peachy hit in the third, and Greene forced a run by hitting Alfriend, and walking Dix. With the bases full, Mitchell was unable to land safely. Another run was scored in the ninth by a base on balls and a succession of errors by the Yellow Jackets. Final score R.-M. 6; W. and M. 2.

The only feature of the game was a beautiful running catch by Tatem, right fielder of the Yellow Jackets. Peachy, Games and Garth played best for the locals. "Jimmy" Greene was the wildest man ever seen on Cary Field, hitting six men.

Another week will probably show a complete reversal of form. The boys have been hitting well in practice, and the result of this game may readily be attributed to the rawness of many of the men. McGuire's promises a hard game on Saturday, but the locals are confident of a different story in the next contest, which will take place on Cary Field Saturday, March 30, at 3:30 p. m.

BOARD OF VISITORS ARE IN SESSION TODAY, IN LIEU OF APRIL MEETING

Summer School and Other Important Matters to Come Before them for Decision

The Board of Visitors of the College are in session today with the Rector, the Honorable Robert M. Hughes, of Norfolk, presiding. Many important matters will be taken up by them, but the results of the meeting could not be obtained for this issue of THE FLAT HAT, as nothing will be made public until tomorrow.

IN LIEU OF REGULAR APRIL SESSION

This meeting of the Board was called in lieu of the regular meeting which was to have been on April the second. The question of the proposed Summer School required immediate attention, and it is believed that the Board will make this new institution possible.

Another matter that will probably receive attention by the Visitors is that of the proposed lake in the rear of the College, a mention of which is made elsewhere in this issue.

WILLIAM AND MARY VS. WILLIAMSBURG

On Wednesday afternoon Coach Young's bunch lined up for the second time against the Williamsburg nine, with Jones in the box for the College and the veteran, Spencer, heaving for the Village. The conflict bid fair to be exciting but the game lost its snap owing to the poor support given Spencer. Time after time easy groundlings passed unmolested through the diamond to the heather.

Jones did clever work for the College, was found seldom and showed fair control. The score of 15 to 1 in seven innings was a fair indication of the merits of the two teams. Coach Young had little to say after the contest but it is evident that he sees improvement in all lines and success ahead.

SPENCER WILL NOT RETURN

Mr. Daingerfield Spencer has decided not to enter college, as it was expected that he would. He is greatly needed on the baseball team, but did not want to carry fifteen hours of work. However, the pitching staff is showing up well, and doubtless will be thoroughly efficient with a little practice and experience.

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WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

The recent report of the Virginia Educational Commission, appointed by the Legislature to investigate the higher educational institutions of the State, contained a recommendation regarding William and Mary that does not seem to us to be justified. The offensive clause was to the effect that the College was primarily a normal school, and should for that reason require of every candidate for the B. A. Degree twelve hours in the Department of Education. If the premise concerning the status of the College were true, there might be some reason in the suggestion; but fortunately it is not. The College of William and Mary is not fundamentally a school of normal training, has never been such, and we hope never will be. For and in consideration of an annual appropriation from the State of Virginia the College maintains a department for the training of male teachers. This department is highly efficient. It renders to the State full value for the yearly consideration. Even a momentary survey of the public school system before and since William and Mary began to send trained men into the field will testify to that fact, which no one in Virginia will deny unless he be one of that few who do so for the petty reasons of jealousy and envy.

The act of transfer provided that

the academic classes and courses of the College should not be altered or curtailed, and arranged for the addition of the teachers' training school. If that scheme is broken up it will be in opposition and abrogation of the statute, and will strongly savour of legal and moral treason. Those who have the future welfare of the old College at heart will protest to the bitter end against the transformation of the venerable Institution into a teachers' college. That would be to descend from the clouds to the mire. And he who sets up the non-committal term of 'social service' as a reason for the nauseating alteration, and argues for the nobility of a normal school on that score, merely allies himself to the quasi progressive element of modern times which stands for, and represents nothing but a craving for the non-classical, the plebeian, and the superficial.

Whatever may be the hopes of others for the College, whatever it may in time become, it is our hope and prayer and belief that it will remain as it is, a fine old classical college, that will stand for those finer qualities of the golden age, and grow in size, in strength, in usefulness and in honour. If that is not social service, then call it non-social service, or anything else that you please, and still its contribution to Virginian and American glory will continue. It must stand for that high standard which has forever characterized it, even as it has Bowdoin College in Maine, Transylvania in Kentucky, Williams in Massachusetts, and Dartmouth in New Hampshire.

It seems incredible that any man of culture could ever suggest the demolition of so great an Institution, so noble a National Monument, so venerable a Mother of Statesmen.

A DAFFODIL STEW

While it is THE FLAT HAT's most sacred policy never to publish an anonymous article, a bold transgression and departure has been made this week in favour of the letter accompanying, for the reason that it has the heart of a lady, and also something of a literary turn. Any one however, who can gracefully quote Mother Goose, Tennyson, and Wordsworth all at one breath, should not fear publicity and is well worthy of type. As for the charge, we are not yet ready to plead guilty. We have too many dictionaries on our side. Being a Kentuckian the Editor was taught to call these flowers buttercups. But on coming to Virginia, he was so belashed and berated therefor, that he adopted the name prescribed by the community. Now another comes forward to deny the correctness of that, and he is up a tree for the second time.

However, here's where we stand

—firm. 'What's in a name?' said Juliet; 'A word's a word,' says Dr. Hall; A julp would be [a julp, say we, even though you might call it a gin phiz or a cocktail:

'The Editor of THE FLAT HAT,

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'Daffydowndilly has come up to town
In a yellow petticoat and a green gown.'

A constant reader of THE FLAT HAT is grieved to find that the Editors, in spite of their universally acknowledged taste in things classic, should refer to the gay lady who is always so welcome in the Old Capital, which she seems peculiarly to honour by her annual visits, by the unmelodious and unsentimental name of Jonquil, when it is as Daffodil that she has been honoured and sung for so many centuries.

'The daffodils, which come before
the swallow dares, and take
The winds of March with beauty.'

The dancing, swaying Daffodils of Wordsworth's poem, the Daffydown-

dillies of Mother Goose are even found to be the Asphodel through whose "golden fields" rode the knights of Arthurian legends and it ill behooves THE FLAT HAT to call by any other name a flower with a title so full of music and romance.'

HAIL AND FAREWELL

Some time ago in an editorial entitled The Tipplers and the Tipped, something was said about the lack of formality existing between the Faculty and Student-body with regard to lifting hats. At the time it was said that the blame could not be placed, but it would now seem to be entirely on the part of the Faculty, who seem to have entered the modern campaign against 'tipping' with a vengeance, thinking that it had to do with hats.

However THE FLAT HAT will concern itself no further in the matter. We are sorry. Hail and Farewell.

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